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Bronx Community Board 6 is home to numerous community gardens, which provide essential greenspace for our neighborhoods. Drew Gardens has operated in Community District 6 for years and its members serve as stewards of public land that otherwise would go unused. Bronx Community Board 6 is extremely concerned about the Garden being closed to the public due to ongoing State DOT construction. **Bronx Community Board 6 calls on State DOT to prioritize and expedite their work so that Drew Gardens can be reopened again to the public as soon as possible.**

In addition to preventing access to Drew Garden, State DOT is using the west side of East 177th Street as loading and storage for construction projects. In light of New York City Department of Design and Construction finally beginning the West Farms Square street redesign project this year, we expect that this intersection will be renovated and much safer for pedestrians to cross. However, a significant portion of this intersection has been taken up by the State DOT loading zone. **Bronx Community Board 6 calls on State DOT to make this land publicly accessible plaza space, so that it can be included in the scope of the West Farms Square renovations.**

Regards,

Evonne Capers
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Bronx Community Board 6

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Karines Reyes, NYS Assembly Member, 87th District
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